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REVIEW REQUIREMENTS	REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION OF REVIEW STANDARDS REQUIREMENTS	LOCATION OF STANDARD IN FILING
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL FILINGS			
EXEMPTION	MCLA 500.2401(2)(d)	For title policies issued for commercial properties only, when you place the prominent warning statement of MCLA 500.2236(8)(e)(ii) in each of your policies, you should not submit a filing to us as you are exempt from the requirements of Chapters 22 and 24 of the Michigan Insurance Code unless the Commissioner subsequently finds that competition does not exist for this type of coverage. The prominent warning statement will apply to the entire commercial package policy because it cannot be applied to just one type of coverage when multi-coverages are written.	
COPIES, RETURN ENVELOPES, ETC.	Procedures Manual for Non-SERFF filings	All filings must include a copy of the cover letter along with a self-addressed stamped envelope.	
COVER LETTER AND EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM	Procedures Manual for Non-SERFF Filings	All filings must include a cover letter and all filings except for new program filings must contain a filing memorandum that identifies and explains changes to previously filed policy forms, endorsements, rules, and rates by form number, rule number, and manual page number.	

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EFFECTIVE DATE WORDING	MCLA 500.2408(2)	The filing shall be on file for a waiting period of 15 days before it becomes effective, which period may be extended by the commissioner for 1 additional period not to exceed 15 days if the commissioner gives written notice within the waiting period to the insurer or rating organization which made the filing that her or she needs additional time for consideration of the filing.	
	MCLA 500.2236(1)	Failure of the commissioner to act within 30 days after submittal constitutes approval.	
FILING SUBMISSION	MCLA 500.2406	Every insurer shall file with the commissioner every manual of classification, every manual of rules and rates, every rating plan, and every modification of any of the foregoing that it proposes to use.	
LIMITATIONS/RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSACTING BUSINESS	MCLA 500.640	An insurer transacting business in this state shall not expose itself to any loss on any 1 risk or hazard in an amount exceeding 10% of its paid-up capital and surplus. However, no portion of a risk or hazard that has been reinsured in an insurer licensed to do insurance business in this state shall be included in determining the limitation of risk prescribed in this section.	
Line of Authority	MCLA 500.7303	No corporation shall issue title insurance policies, contracts or commitments with respect to real estate unless it holds a certificate of authority from the commissioner, pursuant to section 402, authorizing the transaction of the business, which certificate shall not be issued until the title insurer has complied with the deposit requirements of section 411 and has completed its rate filing pursuant to section 7312.	
NO FILE OR FILING EXEMPTIONS	Bulletin 97-03 MCLA 500.2236	Only rating organizations should file forms. Insurers must maintain a list of exempt forms.	

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THIRD PARTY FILERS AUTHORITY	MCLA 500.7310	Rating organizations for title insurance may be formed and may operate pursuant to the applicable provisions of chapter 24.	
	MCLA 500.2406(2)	An insurer may satisfy its obligation to make filings under subsection (1) by becoming a member of, or a subscriber to, a rating organization licensed under chapter 24 or chapter 26 which makes those filings, and by filing with the commissioner a copy of its authorization of the rating organization to make those filings on its behalf.	
	Procedures Manual for Non-SERFF Filings	General authority must be granted by letter from Insurance Company	
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TRANSACTIONING OTHER BUSINESS	MCLA 500.7304	Every title insurer authorized to do business may issue title insurance; make, execute and perfect such contracts, agreements, policies and other instruments as may be required therefore; examine titles to real estate in connection with any transaction in which a policy of title insurance or commitment therefore is being issued and report thereon; issue commitments for title insurance policies specifying the requirements for the issuance of such policies; act as escrow agent in any transaction involving the issuance of a title insurance policy.	
FORMS—POLICY PROVISIONS			
AMBIGUOUS & MISLEADING	MCLA 500.2236(5)	Upon written notice to the insurer, the commissioner may disapprove, withdraw approval or prohibit the issuance, advertising or delivery of any form to any person in this state if it violates any provisions of this act, or contains inconsistent, ambiguous or misleading clauses, or contains exceptions and conditions that unreasonably or deceptively affect the risk purported to be assumed in the general coverage of the policy.	

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		An unfair method of competition and an unfair or deceptive act or practice in the business of insurance means the making, issuing, circulating an estimate, illustration, circular, statement, sales presentation, or comparison which by omission of a material fact or incorrect statement of a material fact causes a misrepresentation.	
Minimum Retain Premium	MCLA 500.7305	The unearned premium reserve shall be cumulative and shall consist of the following: Five percent of the gross premiums received by it in each month. January 1 of each year thereafter, there shall be released from the unearned premium reserve an amount equal to 1/10 of that portion thereof originally placed therein in respect to each year more than 10 in the past.	
FORMS—POLICY PROVISIONS			
DISCRIMINATION	MCLA 500.2027	It is unfair and deceptive to refuse to insure, or refuse to continue to insure, or limit the amount of coverage available to an individual or risk because of race, color, creed, marital status, sex, or national origin, residence, age, disability, or lawful occupation of the individual, or location of the risk, unless there is a reasonable relationship established between the classification and the extent of the risk.	
FORMS—POLICY PROVISIONS			
Payment of Loss Time Period	MCLA 500.2006(3)	Any part of the remainder of the claim that is later supported by proof of loss shall be considered paid on a timely basis if paid within 60 days after receipt of the proof of loss by the insurer.	
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READABILITY	MCLA 500.2236(3)	Not less than 8 point type. Readability score may not be less than 45.	

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FILE & USE	MCLA 500.2430	Every such filing under this section shall state the effective date thereof, shall take effect on said date, shall not be subject to any waiting period requirements, and shall be deemed to meet the ratemaking standards. If, at any time within 15 days from and after the date of any such filing, the commissioner may give written notice to the insurer or rating organization in what respect and to extend her contends such filing fails to comply with the ratemaking standards and fixing a date for hearing not less than 10 days from the date of mailing of such notice. In the event that no notice of hearing shall be issued within 15 days from the date of any such filing, the filing shall be deemed to be approved.	
RATE, RULE, RATING PLAN, CLASSIFICATION, AND TERRITORY FILING REQUIREMENTS			
Individual Risk Rating	Procedures Manual for Non-SERFF Filings	Mandatory for excess rates for specific policyholders (rates that are different from those you wish to remain on file for underwriting all other policyholders).	
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PRICING	MCLA 500.2403(d)	Rates shall not be excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory.	
Premiums	Administrative Rules R 500.1205	For the purposes of section 2403(1)(d) of the code, a rate is unreasonably high for the insurance coverage provided if it is unreasonably high in relation to anticipated losses or expenses, or both, or to the uncertainty of loss for the insurance coverage provided.	
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RATE RANGES	R 500.1207	A reasonable classification system is a system designed to group individuals or risks with similar characteristics into rating classifications which are likely to identify significant differences in mean anticipated losses or expenses, or both, between the groups, as determined by sound actuarial principles and by actual and credible loss and expense statistics or, in the case of new coverages or classifications, by reasonably anticipated loss and expense experience.	
RATING PLAN REQUIREMENTS	MCLA 500.2404(1)	The insurer must establish a secondary or merit rating plan to adjust rates on the basis of risk management technique implemented by the insured.	
Expense Modification Plan	R 500.1208	The expense portion of a rate shall, with regard to each category of expense, be examined and evaluated independently of the loss portion of the rate. Expenses shall not be presumed to change by the same percentage as losses are anticipated to change.	
Schedule Rating	Bulletin 2000-04	+/- 25% maximum for schedule rating type plans	
Competition	MCLA 500.2403	A rate shall not be held to be excessive unless the rate is unreasonably high for the insurance coverage provided and a reasonable degree of competition does not exist with respect to the classification, kind, or type of risks to which the rate is applicable.	
Expenses	R 500.1207	A rate is not unfairly discriminatory because it reflects differences in anticipated expenses for classifications of risks with similar anticipated losses or because it reflects differences in anticipated losses for classifications of risks with similar anticipated expenses.	

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Experience	R 500.1207	That data used in developing classifications and rates are derived from the experience of a population or sample of risks that is sufficiently similar to the anticipated insured population.	
SUPPORTING DATA	MCLA 500.2403(d)	A rate is reasonably justified by differences in losses, expenses, or both, or by differences in the uncertainty of loss for the individuals or risks to which the rates apply. A reasonable justification shall be supported by a reasonable classification system; by sound actuarial principles when applicable; and by actual and credible loss and expense statistics	
OTHER	MCLA 500.2416(1)	If within the waiting period the commissioner finds that a filing does not the requirements of this chapter, he shall send to the insurer or rating organization which made such filing written notice of disapproval of such filing specifying then what respects he fins such filing fails to meet the requirements of this chapter and stating that such filing shall not become effective.	